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"Laden With Much of Learning"

The President's Page

The beginning of a new year is the customary time to make new resolutions. This is good and as it should be. Preliminary to those resolutions and perhaps necessary to them is a kind of review or inventory. The individual inventory of what we have felt, done, thought and read will reveal the bent of our personal lives; the composite will reveal the life of the institution for which we work.

Some one has rightly said that the greatest challenge of our time lies in the realm of the human spirit. Could we not add that the greatest challenge of the human spirit is in the realm of correct choices; and that the matter of correct choices lies in the realm of whether we make our choices on the basis of caprice or principle? Is it not also true that the bases of our choices will be determined upon whether we develop the proper balance between what someone has called the long vision and the short look? The long vision is faith and will determine the direction and purposefulness of our way. The short look is human intelligence and character that will direct each choice in the light of the correct and long perspective.

We have a great institution. For it we have much to be grateful. It has the support of a great denomination and many other friends. It has the respect of the educational world. Its services are unique and far reaching, but we have far to go. This year we not only take inventory of one year, but fifty. The sacrifices of the past, great and small, look down upon us to commend or chide. A still more glorious future lies ahead if we can see it. Material equipment and buildings costing hundreds of thousands are a necessity. Money and sacrifice are necessary. So are boys and girls. You can't build an institution with money alone. There is that added something which

you can't measure that marks the difference between the temporary and the immortal. The investment in brick and mortar is but a means to make the greater investment in boys and girls for generations yet unborn. My appeal to you and me here on the threshold of this greater adventure is to lay aside our personal pride, selfish interest, and advancements and make the investment here of money, buildings, equipment, and human energy in the quest for a greater degree of human decency and freedom of the human spirit; and incidentally of our own peace. Those who invest in a college like this are investing in the realm of the human spirit and the only future there is.

My friends, it is late, perhaps later than we think, but

"Tis not too late to seek a newer world".

P. L. ELLIOTT



Dr. Philip Lovin Elliott

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Mabel Padgett ----- Alumni President
Margaret Dellinger ----- Vice-President
Mrs. Dorothy W. Hamrick ---- Sec.-Treas.
John Roberts ---- Editor of the Quarterly

Fifty-Four New Students Enroll Second Semester

Gardner-Webb broke its eighth enrollment record since 1953 when the spring semester officially began on January 21. Fifty-four new students had enrolled for study, bringing the 1956-57 total to 535. Enrollment for the fall semester was 481.

A brief check of the record shows a 42 per cent increase in students over this three-year period. Fall enrollment in 1953 was 338, climbing to 377 in the fall of 1954, to 436 the following year and to 481 last fall.

Every college has a drop-out problem, especially among its freshman students. A few colleges in the state lose over 40 per cent of their first year students before the year's end. Gardner-Webb is proud to have an unusually low loss of students, with the new second semester enrollment compensating in number for those who have withdrawn.

The addition of 54 new faces is another record for the college, which had a previous high of 37 incoming students in January. All indications are that the college will continue to gain students as long as it can provide adequate classroom space and other accommodations.

About The Cover

The distinguishing quality of any school is the cluster of books often found about its steps and entrances. Usually these books are in a maze of neat little stacks, each close but distinctly separate from the other, and each, like its owner, bearing some special characteristic which gives it individuality.

The picture on the front cover shows books stacked on the steps of the E. B. Hamrick Building on a recent morning when the students were inside attending chapel services. The books are shown just as they were left: English, biology, history, calculus, Bible. With this collective symbol of mental discipline comes the relaxing suggestion offered by the soft drink bottle and the pipe.

For as long as schools have existed the students have sought a place near the doors where they might deposit their books during moments of respite from study. It was true of the ancient Greeks, who placed their scrolls in special cubicles set in the marble hallways. Many of our modern buildings, recognizing this custom, are providing shelves for books in the lobbies.

In its 30-odd years of service the E. B. Hamrick Building and the Memorial Building that preceded it have witnessed scenes such as on our cover created by thousands of our former students.

How about you? Does the scene look familiar?

HONOR ROLL

Grade reports for the fall semester were released January 29 by the college registrar.

The college cites 26 students for outstanding work with averages of 92 or above on at least 15 semester hours of study. Six of these are on the "A" list, with above 95 on at least 17 hours work.

The honor group consists of 19 girls and seven boys. By classes they show 10 sophomores and 16 freshmen.

Funds For Expansion Total \$164,707 in '56

The Golden Anniversary expansion program, directed until last November 1 by Dr. H. H. Stembidge, Jr., and since that time by Felix Hamrick, makes the following report of funds received during 1956:

For the expansion program:

Received from 182 churches:	\$ 52,243.98
From five foundations:	29,450.00
From 14 industries and businesses:	4,435.00
From 123 individuals:	17,656.03

Total	\$103,785.01
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Received for Suttle Endowment Fund (22 contributions)	\$ 819.66
Received for Student Loan Fund	1,839.00
Received for Scholarship Fund	10,000.00

Total	12,658.66
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Received from Baptist State Convention for Capital Outlay Purposes	48,264.14
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Grand total received from all sources during 1956 for expansion and development:	\$164,707.81
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Commencement Plans

Our Alma Mater will have two of its outstanding alumni for the principal addresses in commencement exercises May 26 and 28, according to a recent announcement by Dr. P. L. Elliott, president.

Dr. Dean Butler Pruette, superintendent of schools in High Point, will bring the literary address on graduation day. Dr. Pruette, a member of the class of 1931, has for many years distinguished himself as one of North Carolina's leading educators. He holds a doctor's degree in education from Columbia University.

Preceding the literary address will be the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday night, May 26, by Dr. Elmo Scoggin, professor at Southeastern Baptist Seminary. After graduating from Gardner-Webb in 1935 Dr. Scoggin continued his education at Furman University and earned the Th. D. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary.

In this, our Golden Anniversary year, Gardner-Webb is giving special recognition to its former stu-

Withrow Gives \$100,000 Policy

Alfred Thomas Withrow, Rutherford County native and Charlotte businessman, two months ago took a \$100,000 insurance policy on his life, naming Gardner-Webb College as beneficiary.

Announcement of the gift by Mr. Withrow was made at the Century Club banquet in December, when Felix Hamrick, director of the Golden Anniversary expansion program, showed the policy to those present.

In naming Gardner-Webb beneficiary, Mr. Withrow expressed a hope that, "This will be a challenge to many other friends of Gardner-Webb to make provisions for the college in their wills and to make it beneficiary in insurance policies, while continuing to support the institution in its current program."

dents, urging as many as will to attend all the commencement festivities which begin with the alumni banquet on May 25.

Our Alumni President Speaks

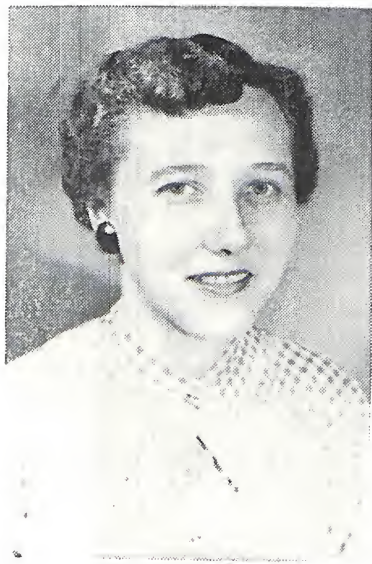
Dear Fellow Alumni:

Again as I write this message to you, I find myself thinking what a joy and a thrill it is for all of us to receive letters from those we love and friends we cherish. For to one who is away, a letter from home is a special treat, surpassed in enjoyment only by a visit. To those of us who have gone out from our "college home", the **Alumni Quarterly** is our letter, bringing the news of what is happening presently at our Alma Mater and what our fellow alumni are doing.

One of the persons responsible for compiling all this information and getting it out to us, is our editor, Mr. John Roberts. He is doing an extraordinary job, and I, personally, want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to him for his interest and enthusiasm, which are so apparent in this publication.

Keeping an accurate, up-to-date mailing list is no small task, but his office manages this well, and mails our **Quarterly** to us promptly. It is our responsibility to see that he knows our correct address if we have difficulty getting the **Quarterly**.

Mrs. Dorothy W. Hamrick is another faithful worker in keeping track of the alumni. As secretary of the Alumni Association she does a major portion of the work in helping the organization to function properly.



Miss Padgett

Many of us find occasion to ask her, in her work as college registrar, to forward our transcript to other colleges or to refer our college records to prospective employers. Always she not only does this but checks the address given to make sure we are on the alumni mailing list, and submits news items to the **Quarterly** editor.

In behalf of each of you, I would like to express to both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Hamrick, our gratitude for their splendid work in preparing and sending to us our most welcomed "letters from home".

MABEL PADGETT

Life With The Alumni

CLASS OF 1957

Paul Roberts and *Sara Farrow* '56 of Shelby were married November 21, 1956. Sara is employed in Winston-Salem by Southern Bell Telephone Co.

CLASS OF 1956

Rev. Hugh Borders is pastor of New Buffalo Baptist Church near Shelby and is a student at Limestone College.

Rev. Lee Roy Denton lives in Chesnee, S. C. He is pastor of Chesnee Mill Baptist Church and is attending Limestone College.

Shirley Devlin enrolled at Carson-Newman College in January.

James H. Dodd, Jr., Thad Dowdle, Pearl King, Mr. and Mrs. David Littlejohn, (Jean Trantham,) Clara Nix, Mildred Peterson, Lois Watkins, Ruth Weaver, and Ruth York are enrolled at Carson-Newman College.

Sara Farrow—see Roberts '57.

Boyce Freeman and *Lee Jefferies* are in pilot training in the Naval Air Force stationed at Milton, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy James Kiser of Shelby announce the birth of a daughter, Debrah Jane, on last December 6. Bill is sports editor for the *Cleveland Times*. He and Mrs. Kiser have another daughter, Catherine Lynn.

Carl McKinney of Marion contributed \$5 to the David Pressley Memorial Fund in December.

Rosaleen Morrow—see Reid '55.

Rev. Jimmy Sides is pastor of Mull's Chapel Baptist Church near Shelby and is a student at Limestone College. He and Mrs. Sides (*Anita Hoyle*) live in Shelby.

Rev. Bob Traywick is a Limestone College student and is pastor of a Baptist mission in Belmont. He and Mrs. Traywick (*Othella Cabe* '55) live in Boiling Springs. They have a son, Paul, born last July 28.

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Othella Cabe—see Traywick '56.

Mazeline Carter, Doris Moody, Charles Moseley, Carlene Warner, Ruth Whitesides,

and Grace Yelton are students at Carson-Newman College.

Rev. Sam O'Neal is enrolled at Limestone College as a ministerial student.

Richard Plyler who is enrolled at Carson-Newman College has been elected to "Blue Key" National honor fraternity. He is a member of the BSU and president of the Ministerial Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal J. Reid (Rosaleen Morrow '56) are living in Cave Spring, Ga. Hal has been working with the Georgia School for the Deaf for two years. Rosaleen is a beautician and is working in a beauty shoppe in Cedartown, Ga.

Houston Wease is teaching at Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va.

Hugh Wease and Cynthia Covington '54 were married on February 2. Hugh is teaching in the public schools in Denton, Maryland, and Cynthia is teaching in Caroline County Schools, Maryland.

CLASS OF 1954

Ann Banning and Pete Banus were married in December.

Daphne Randolph Bridges (Mrs. Charles) returned recently with her family to Boiling Springs after having lived for several months in Detroit, Michigan. Charles is a heating and air conditioning technician in Shelby. Daphne is a housewife. They have a daughter, Debbie, 1.

Cynthia Covington—see Wease '55.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edwards (Margaret Cleary) are living in San Antonio, Texas. Wayne is training instructor at Lackland Air Force Base. Margaret is a stenographer at the National Bank of Commerce.

Dennis Alfred Lee of Mooresboro and *Mary Norris Gold* of Earl were married last December 9 in New Hope Baptist Church at Earl. Dennis is employed by Lee Floor Covering Co. in Swainsville. They are living at Earl.

Phyllis Jo Kinnamon Leonhard lives in Gastonia. She is secretary to the Clerk of Superior Court.

Dot Stubblefield is at Carver School of

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Missions in Louisville, Ky., instead of Carson-Newman College as was stated in the November issue of the *Quarterly*.

Joyce Hyde Thomas (Mrs. Vincent) died suddenly late last summer. She was living in Bryson City and had planned to complete her education at Western Carolina College.

CLASS OF 1953

Hayes Bishop is a student at Brevard College.

Carroll Eugenia Cathey Laughter (Mrs. James P.) of Hendersonville is a housewife. Her husband is owner and operator of an Esso Service Station in Hendersonville.

Betty Ledford is teaching school in Salem, Oregon, instead of Oklahoma, as was stated in the November, 1956, *Quarterly*.

Adrian Littlejohn is minister of music at West Side Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. He is also attending Southern Baptist Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. David McHam (*Wilma Gathings*) are now living in Waco, Texas, where David is attending Baylor University. Wilma is a housewife. She and David have a son, Mike, 2. David was in the Marine Corps from June, 1953 to May, 1956.

Carolyn Jean Harrill Simmons (Mrs. J. D.) of Fort Worth, Texas, is a service representative for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. She has been with Southwestern Bell for 3½ years. J. D. is also associated with Southwestern Bell.

Mary Joyce Hines Stewart (Mrs. Donald R.) is living in Richmond, Va. Joyce is teaching in Richmond.

CLASS OF 1952

Helen Abbott is teaching fifth grade in Jacksonville, Fla. She visited the campus on December 27, 1956.

Doris Adair is analytical chemist with TVA in Chattanooga, Tenn. She has been there three months. Prior to that she held the same position in Florence, Ala., for 2½ years. She visited the campus on December 27, 1956.

Billy Elias Bingham is in the Army stationed at Fort Detrick, Md. He entered the Army last June and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is a member of

Sigma Pi Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities. He graduated from North Carolina State College in 1955, and prior to entering the service was a nuclear engineer for Babcock & Wilcox Co. in Lynchburg, Va.

Joan Bridges is in graduate school at the University of North Carolina majoring in English. She visited the campus on December 27, 1956.

Jonelle Teague Jett (Mrs. Clifford) lives in Louisville, Ky. She works for Selective Service and conducts the children's choirs at the Fourth Avenue Methodist Church in Louisville. Her husband, a graduate of Baylor University, will receive his Th. M. in May from Southern Seminary.

Rev. Gaylord Lehman, who is a student at Southern Baptist Seminary, is pastor of Marion Baptist Church, Seymour, Indiana. Mrs. Lehman (*Faith Johnson*) is a secretary in Louisville, Ky.

Hazel Anne Belcher Loadholt (Mrs. Carl) is now living in Fairfax, S. C.

Doris Wortman McDaniel (Mrs. Douglas) lives on Route 2, Kings Mountain. Doris is a mother and housewife. Douglas is engaged in dairy farming. They have a son, Randy, 2

CLASS OF 1951

Jimmy Mize started work as minister of music and education at First Church, Cherryville, on last November 21. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and after graduation served three years as minister of music and education at the Second Church, Belton, S. C. While in that church he also taught music for one year in the Seminary Extension Center at Anderson College. He and Mrs. Mize have a daughter, Lorraine.

Frances Quinn of New Hope Road, Route 2, Gastonia, visited the campus on last December 27. She teaches fifth grade in Gastonia public schools.

CLASS OF 1950

Ola Mae Cannon Crow (Mrs. Buren) returned with her husband and children from Germany in December. They are now living in Earl where Dr. Crow has reopened offices for the practice of medicine after a tour of military duty.

Joyce Martin Forsyth (Mrs. Hugh) is a teacher in the fifth grade at Elroy Avenue School in Pittsburgh, Pa. Her husband will

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graduate from the School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh in June. They plan to do work in a children's home after that. They have one son, John Martin, 3½.

Lt. Charles E. Holly, an Air Force jet pilot from Lincolnton, was killed in the crash and explosion of an Army plane in Maine on last November 29. He was married in June, 1956, to Miss Frances Turner of Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr. of Marion is the Blue Ridge Associational Missionary.

Robert G. Shreve works in programming and announcing at a Radio Station in Elkin.

Frank M. Wall, for the past five years a teacher in Shelby Public Schools System, has been named director of safety, sanitation, and personnel of Bost Bakery, Inc. of Shelby. Frank is a graduate of Western Carolina College. He and Mrs. Wall have two children, Frank Jr., 6, and Johnny, 4.

Margaret Wilson—see Walker '49.

CLASS OF 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Bridges of Kings Mountain announce the birth of a son, Jonas Robert Jr., on December 5, 1956. Jonas is program director for Radio Station WKMT in Kings Mountain.

Alan Browning, III, is a program director for a TV Station in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe McCraw (*Mary Edna Hamrick*) of Cliffside, announce the birth of a son, Phillip Hamrick, on last December 12.

William Andrew "Andy" McSwain is now teaching school at Glen Alpine. He spent several days during Christmas holidays on the campus helping his father, nurseryman Luther McSwain, set shrubbery around the new dormitory for girls.

Jack Walker of Boiling Springs is teaching in the public schools of Gaffney, S. C. He is a graduate of Limestone College. Mrs. Walker (*Margaret Wilson* '50) is receptionist at the Gardner-Webb Clinic. They have a daughter, Beth, 2.

Joe Whittington assists his father in operating Home Furniture and Appliance Co. in Elkin.

CLASS OF 1948

Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Grigg, Jr. (*Elizabeth Hutchins*) live in Mountain Park where he has been pastor of Mountain Park Baptist Church for one year. They are Wake Forest graduates, and Bob attended Southeastern Seminary. They have two sons, Steven, 5½, and Mark, 6 months.

Rev. and Mrs. John B. Hiott of Byhalia, Miss., announce the birth of a son, Gray Martin, on November 17, 1956.

Rev. John Kinnamon is pastor of a church near Whitakers. He and Mrs. Kinnamon have one daughter, Phyllis Jo.

Rev. W. F. Monroe is pastor of a church in Greenwood, S. C., having gone there recently from the First Baptist Church, Grover.

Sara Emogene Bridges Schenk (Mrs. R. E.) is a housewife in Waterloo, Iowa. She and her husband have three children—Bob, 3, and twin girls, Glee Acor and Ann Marie, 2.

Rev. Ambrose Singley recently became pastor of Baton Baptist Church near Granite Falls. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman and Southeastern Seminary. He is married and has a five year old son, Dale.

Carroll Raines is principal of a high school in Surgoinsville, Tenn. He is married to the former Miss Thelma Amis who taught physical education at Gardner-Webb in 1946-48.

CLASS OF 1947

Rev. and Mrs. Archie Chapman (*Eunice Highsmith*) visited the college on last December 7. They have lived in Asheboro for several years, but moved to New Orleans in January. Archie is now enrolled as a student in the Baptist Seminary there.

Rev. Walter R. "Jeff" Davis is pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind., and is moderator of the Lake Michigan Baptist Association. He is a Wake Forest and Southern Baptist Seminary graduate. He and Mrs. Davis have two sons, Gregory, 2, and Jeffrey, 5 months.

Rev. George A. Gardner is pastor of Riceville Baptist Church of Riceville, Tenn. He and Mrs. Gardner have six children.

Rev. G. Hanford Hamby has accepted a call to the Oteen Church of the Buncombe Association near Asheville, coming from the pastorate of the South Albemarle Church of the Stanly Association.

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Doris Jane Hamrick—see Hamrick '13.

Katherine Ledbetter Long (Mrs. James F. "Bud") is a housewife and mother on Route 2, Shelby. She and Bud have three children, Buddy, 6; Cathy, 4; and Rusty, 2. Bud is co-owner of Blanton and Long Sawmill.

Rev. Thomas A. Sheppard of Nichols Road, Lancaster, S. C., visited the campus on January 1 with three prospective students.

Mabel Sperling—see Jones '43.

CLASS OF 1946

Katherine Bostic Harris (Mrs. James) of Route 1, Mooresboro, is employed as a machine operator at Cone Mills, Cliffside, and is also an Avon representative. She and James have three girls.

Rev. Willard Lee Jenkins of Rutherfordton is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. He and Mrs. Jenkins have two sons, James Alan, 14, and David Morgan, 12.

CLASS OF 1945

Rev. E. B. Belcher is pastor of Jackson Creek Baptist Church, Route 3, Columbia, S. C.

Elaine Ledbetter Gregory (Mrs. Gus) of Shelby is teaching vocational home economics at Ellenboro High School. Gus works with the National Guard of Shelby.

Bernice McMurry is a teacher in the Charlotte city schools system. Last November she was selected to represent all Charlotte teachers in observance of National Education Week and North Carolina Teachers Day. She has taught in Charlotte for several years.

CLASS OF 1944

Frances Gillespie—see Gillespie '39.

Miriam Hamrick Glenn (Mrs. Albert) moved with her family into their recently completed home in Boiling Springs a few weeks ago. Albert has a lumber and cabinet business in Boiling Springs. They have three children, Albert Jr., 7, Marjorie, 5, and Jane, 3.

Mary Watson Hamrick (Mrs. A. D.) lives in Ellenboro. She teaches at Ellenboro High School.

CLASS OF 1943

Hellon Hope Trout Brock (Mrs. Lester H.) is living in Spartanburg, S. C. She is a housewife and a substitute teacher. She is also president of the Home Demonstration Club,

teaches a Sunday School Class, and teaches a child evangelism class weekly to boys and girls in the neighborhood.

Hessie Ree Bridges Harris (Mrs. Thomas) of Boiling Springs works in Belmont Hosiery Mill. She and Thomas have two sons, Kenny, 7, and Alan, 3.

Dr. Robert S. Jones opened offices in Shelby recently for the practice of medicine. He previously had a practice in Aberdeen. He and Mrs. Jones (*Mabel Sperling* '47) have two sons, Robert Jr., 4, and Joseph, 1.

Nancy Ann Bridges Tesseneer (Mrs. Howard) is a housewife and mother at Route 3, Shelby. She and Howard have three children.

CLASS OF 1942

Gladys Brooks Boroughs (Mrs. Lewis) is living in Greensboro. She and Lewis have three children, Elaine, Miriam, and Kenneth.

CLASS OF 1940

Walter Bostic of Route 1, Mooresboro, is assistant manager of Young Motor Sales Company in Shelby. He and Mrs. Bostic have a daughter, Wanda, 8.

CLASS OF 1939

Mrs. Kathleen Thompson Cardwell lives at Highland Park, Naval Base, North Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie (*Frances Gillespie* '44) live at Bat Cave. James is band director at Edneyville High School and Frances is manager of the lunch room. They have one child, Abbie Rose.

Marietta Price—see Howington '36.

CLASS OF 1938

Carl Wood Wilson is a farmer and sawmill operator. He lives on Shelby, Route 3, near Boiling Springs. He and Mrs. Wilson have five children.

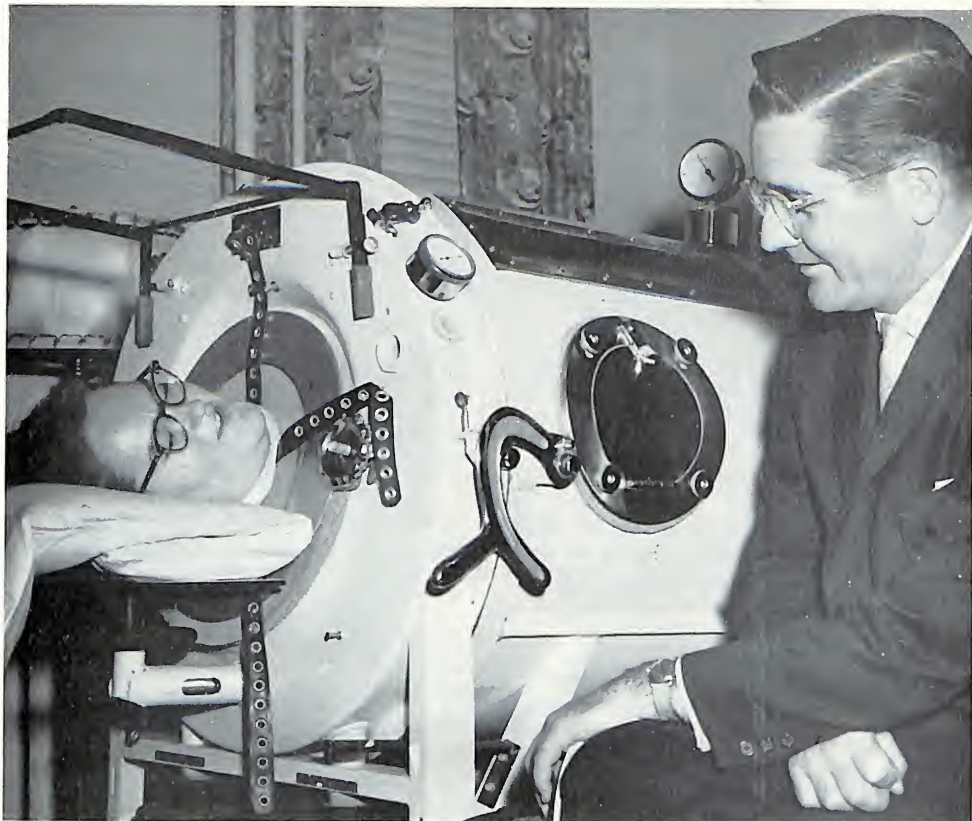
CLASS OF 1937

Margaret Frances Jones Beattie (Mrs. Glenn) is living in Hickory. She and Glenn have a daughter, Frankie, 13.

CLASS OF 1936

Dr. and Mrs. Nolan Howington (*Marietta Price* '39) of Little Rock, Ark., announce the birth of a son, John David, on December 28, 1956. They also have two other boys, Richard, 12, and Pat, 8. Nolan is pastor of First Baptist Church in Little Rock.

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President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina has an amiable chat with freshman Martha Mason, top, and below with the Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., left, board chairman, and Dr. P. L. Elliott, president. The youthful educator visited the college December 17 and made the address at the annual Century Club banquet. Virtually all the 129 club members were present, along with approximately 100 guests. The Rev. Mr. Owens and Dr. Elliott also spoke briefly, and Felix Hamrick presided.



Almost Completed—The new swimming pool is almost completed, and only finishing touches remain before the pool is ready for use next summer. The 35 x 75 foot pool has four regulation-size lanes, and a water level ranging from three to twelve feet. In the background can be seen building material for the new gymnasium.

LENGTHENED SHADOWS:

A History of Gardner-Webb College, 1907-1956

by

FRANCIS B. DEDMOND

In 1949, Senator Clyde R. Hoey declared, at the dedication of the O. Max Gardner Memorial Student Center, that the history of Gardner-Webb College "with its early struggle for existence as Boiling Springs Junior College and its re-birth when it became Gardner-



Prof. Francis B. Dedmond, head of the English department for the past five years, is author of **LENGTHENED SHADOWS**, Gardner-Webb history which is now on sale in the college bookstore. (See order coupon on back page.)

Webb College reads like a romance." That "romance" — the story of the growth and struggle and struggle and growth of Gardner-Webb College from its beginning as a denominational high school to the end of the college's academic year 1955-56—is told in **Lengthened Shadows: A History of Gardner-Webb College, 1907-1956**. The College today is figuratively the shadows of Professor J. D.

Huggins, Miss Etta Curtis, Governor O. Max Gardner, President Phil Elliott and a host of others who move through the pages of the book—shadows transfigured into ideals and attitudes as well as into bricks and mortar.

The book describes the efforts of the citizenry of Boiling Springs to have the school built in their community—a community described in the second catalogue of the school as a "quiet country place." The book tells of the building of the School Building (now called Huggins-Curtis), of the founding of the literary societies, of the social life on the campus, of the courses of study, and, of course, of the school's progress and problems (mainly financial) during those early years.

Chapter Three is devoted to the Boiling Springs Junior College, 1928-1942. Through the efforts and interest of men like J. H. Quinn and E. B. Hamrick and under the guidance of consecrated academic leaders like J. D. Huggins and Miss Etta Curtis, the high school flourished until the encircling public high schools threatened to snuff out its very existence. Perhaps the first law of life applies to a school as well as to an individual. So to preserve its life, it became in 1928 a junior college. As a junior college, it weathered the Great Depression—those bleak, depression-ridden 1930's when the institution was kept alive through the dogged determination, faith, and sacrifice of faithful friends of the college.

The Gardner-Webb story is told in Chapter Four. Two significant things in the life of the College occurred in 1942—Governor O. Max Gardner began to devote his energies, time, and wealth to guiding and strengthening the college; and

LENGTHENED SHADOWS (Cont'd.)

the name was changed to Gardner-Webb College. In July of the next year, 1943, another significant event in the history of the school occurred—Phil Elliott came to Gardner-Webb as its President, bringing with him a community-service concept of education that has made Gardner-Webb somewhat unique among small liberal arts colleges.

The old grads and friends of the school will want to read about the predicament the community and the school faced when the sulfur supply of the community ran out during an itch epidemic, about an early football game of the school in which "Coach" Pop Simmons hustled his boys on the field, dressed in four or five pair of pants and as many shirts, the whole padded lot bedecked with a top layer of overalls, about the burning of the Memorial Building in 1937 and the consequent three a.m. faculty meeting called by President Burnett. They will also want to read the letter written by Franklin D. Roosevelt, reproduced in the **History**, which he wrote to Governor Gardner praising his gift of \$10,000 to establish scholarships for promising boys and girls in Boiling Springs Junior College.

The **History** has five appendices. Appendix A contains the Charter and all its amendments. Appendix B is a full list of faculty and administrative personnel of the school from 1907-1956. Appendix C lists the Trustees from the Original Board of 1904 to those serving in 1956. Appendices D and E contain enrollment figures and graduation figures through the years.

The **History**, about 224 pages in length, will contain four illustrations, portraits of Governor Gardner, Professor J. D. Huggins, Miss Etta Curtis, and President Elliott. The book will be off the press about mid-February. It will be bound in red and will be wrapped in an attractive dust jacket.

Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

CLASS OF 1934

Esther Bridges of Boiling Springs works in Belmont Hosiery Mill.

Gail Bridges lives in Boiling Springs. He and Mrs. Bridges teach at Lattimore. They have one daughter, Martha, 12.

CLASS OF 1931

Forrest Hunt is principal of Tri High School in Rutherford County.

Lionell Smith is teaching in the public schools of Rutherford County.

CLASS OF 1930

Inez Bridges Greene (Mrs. Herbert) is a housewife at Route 3, Shelby. She and Mr. Greene have one son.

Lydia Ree Greene of Boiling Springs is employed by Belmont Hosiery Mill.

Lorene Morgan McHam (Mrs. S. O.) lives in Inman, S. C.

Rev. James Roy Robinson is pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston, S. C. He is a graduate of Furman and Southern Baptist Seminary. One June 2, 1957, he will receive a D. D. degree from Furman University. He and Mrs. Robinson have two teenage daughters.

CLASS OF 1929

Marvin Bridges is mayor of Boiling Springs, and works as a textile overseer in Belmont. He and Mrs. Bridges have four children.

Ray Bridges is a salesman for the Lustine-Nicholson Oldsmobile Agency in Hyattsville, Md. He lives in Takoma Park, with his daughter, Carol, 13.

Graham C. Hamrick of Boiling Springs is employed by Ladd W. Hamrick Oil Co. He and Mrs. Hamrick have a teenage daughter.

CLASS OF 1925

Sarah Lee Hamrick—see Hamrick '13.

CLASS OF 1924

Verdie C. Horne—see Lovelace '18.

CLASS OF 1923

Maggie Hamrick Beason (Mrs. Belton G.) lives in Boiling Springs. She is principal owner of Cleveland Sandwich Co.

Rosina Hamrick, who teaches in the Charlotte school system, earned her M. A. degree last August at Appalachian. After studying at Gardner-Webb she graduated from Lenoir Rhyne, and has taught school for a number of years.

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Across The Desk

By JOHN ROBERTS, QUARTERLY EDITOR

I wonder how many of our alumni sometimes wish they were back again as students, living the life we enjoyed while studying at our Alma Mater.

We usually tend to remember only the pleasant, and many of us may have forgotten the hard work and apprehension that always accompanied exam week. The present students declare mid-January will stay in their minds forever, because of the exams and the weather.

Snow began falling just as exams got under way one morning, and who can concentrate on his work at such a time, as scarce as snow is these days in North Carolina?

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Lengthened Shadows, Gardner-Webb history now on sale in the college bookstore, is a thoroughly written and easily read volume dealing with the people and events that have made Gardner-Webb College.

Particular tribute is paid to some of the leading figures in the school's development, whose shadows have lengthened as the school has grown. Careful analysis of the text indicates that the author is not making an effort to pay tribute to these individuals in particular, but to the various periods identified with them.

Gardner-Webb has had hundreds of devoted friends throughout its half-century of service. They include teachers, presidents, trustees, supporters, and others whose loyalty has been of incalculable value to the school.

Any attempt to single out a dozen or so for special recognition would have been futile, because the list would have grown until the book became a bulky document, and catalogs are not interesting as reading matter.

Attracting considerable attention from sidewalk superintendents and curious spectators was a unique process used last month in building the new swimming pool. The floor was poured by conventional methods, but the concrete walls were **sprayed on**.

The dry concrete mixture was blown through a heavy hose, with water added as it shot through the nozzle under 100 pounds pressure. The process is said by engineers to give stronger walls, although it aroused momentary awe and skepticism.

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The response to questionnaires in recent weeks has been excellent. Most of our alumni keep in mailing touch with their Alma Mater, and often tell us brief news items about themselves.

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Dr. Wyan Washburn could never be accused of having no imagination. He envisions the Health Fair planned for May 4 as one of the year's biggest attractions. With Miss North Carolina and a bevy of beauties — plus 150 people over 75 years old — plus a race for crawling babies — our imagination starts buzzing too.

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The February issue of Bell Tel News, reaching millions of subscribers in nine Southern states, has an article on Gardner-Webb and its determined freshman, iron lung-bound Martha Mason. The North Carolina edition carries her picture with Vice-Pres. Lawson Allen and Floyd Farris, Bell official. Editions in eight other states picture Martha with Mrs. Dorothy W. Hamrick, Gardner-Webb registrar.

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The Gardner-Webb Bulldogs were given serious consideration in December for a post-season foot-

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ball game in the Little Rose Bowl, played in Pasadena, Calif., before upward of 50,000 fans. Tentative contracts were being negotiated when bowl officials found stronger prospects in Northeast Oklahoma and Coffeyville, Kan. Anyway the Bulldogs had a great season, solidly thumping Mars Hill (20-13), Lees McRae (33-7), and Wingate (40-0) along with five others, while dropping only two. Gardner-Webb rolled up a season total of 208 points while granting its opposition 88.

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The night school for college credit is catching on fast, with a 25 per cent enrollment increase for second semester . . . A recent survey shows that of North Carolina's 58 colleges, only six have lower expense rates than Gardner-Webb—and Gardner-Webb ranks with the best academically . . . The College Clinic is showing free movies each week on community health problems. They draw a good crop of youngsters for the cartoons, too.

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Joe C. Washburn, who served the college as trustee for 10 years beginning in the mid-'30's, is gathering pictures and data pertaining to all the original trustees of Gardner-Webb. He hopes to have all the pictures reproduced and placed in a group frame, and he intends to give the finished product to the college at commencement time this spring. It should prove a valuable piece of work in preserving the history of our Alma Mater.

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The Washburn family, incidentally, has a record of over 75 years service to the college as trustees and faculty members. The late W. Winslow Washburn was one of the original group. His sons, Joe C. and A. V., Sr., and grandson Dr. W. Wyan Washburn have served on the board, with the latter two currently active as trustees. Three of Joe C. Washburn's children are

now members of the faculty and staff. They are Mrs. Dorothy Washburn Hamrick, registrar; Seth L. Washburn, assistant professor of physics; and Dr. W. Wyan Washburn, college physician. This record of family ties with the college could possibly be equaled by the late E. B. Hamrick and his family and heirs.

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Girls of recent years will be interested in knowing that the annual Christmas party was a gala event this year, with all the girls from both dormitories gathering in the parlor of the new dorm to exchange gifts and sing Christmas carols around the lighted tree. The dormitories were all beautifully decorated this year, and the Baptist Student Union sponsored the Christmas banquet in the dining hall. For many of the girls, however, the dormitory party was the climax of the pre-holiday season.

Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

CLASS OF 1922

Gladys C. Hamrick Hambright (Mrs. Moody) is employed by Gilliat's Florist in Shelby.

CLASS OF 1921

Addie Hamrick Bridges (Mrs. Glee A.) lives on Gold Street in Kings Mountain as a homemaker and mother. Her husband is mayor of Kings Mountain and owner of a hardware business.

Dr. Horace G. Hammett of Columbia, S. C., was one of the former pastors who addressed the congregation of Temple Church, Durham, on last December 9, concluding the inaugural services for the church's new building.

CLASS OF 1919

Dr. Charlie H. Harrill is a dentist in Lincolnton.

CLASS OF 1918

Glydas Hamrick Greene (Mrs. Fred) is a housewife in Ellenboro.

James L. Lovelace is director of the expansion program for Gardner-Webb Clinic. He is a farmer-businessman of the Boiling Springs community. Mrs. Lovelace is the former *Verdie C. Horne*, '24.

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Prof. Stephen Morriett, who has directed the college choir for the past 12 years, will take the 40-voice group on tour this spring to various churches throughout the state.

President William Friday of UNC Addresses Century Club Members

William C. Friday, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, addressed the Century Club at its meeting in the college cafeteria on December 17.

The youthful educator heaped praise on the college for the quality of its educational program, and paid high tribute to the late Ambassador O. Max Gardner and members of the Gardner family for their interest in the college through the years.

"Our state has a place for church-related as well as state-supported colleges," Pres. Friday declared. "The small college can make a contribution in the field of education because of its opportunities for leadership and personal counsel."

He further commended the college by stating: "The University (of North Carolina) as a whole, and the admissions office in particular appreciate the fine instruction and Christian influence evidenced in Gardner-Webb students who transfer to Carolina."

Attending the Century Club dinner were 225 club members and guests. Membership is gained by contributing at least \$100 annually for operation and expansion of the college.

Felix Hamrick, director of the Golden Anniversary expansion program, presided at the dinner, and the speaker was introduced by Mrs. O. Max Gardner. Brief remarks were also given by Dr. P. L. Elliott, president; and the Rev. M. O. Owens, Jr., chairman of the board of trustees.

Health Fair Planned As May Day Event

May 4 looks like a date to circle on your calendar. Added to the

pagentry of May Day this year will be a Health Fair, sponsored by the college clinic as part of the Golden Anniversary celebration. Environs of the O. Max Gardner Building will literally become a fair ground, with booths and displays portraying ways of good health.

The crowded schedule for the day's festivities includes the following:

9:00-10:00 A.M. Speaking contest on Community Health Problems, by high school contestants from Cleveland and Rutherford Counties.

10:00-11:00 A. M. Same contest for Gardner-Webb students.

11:00-12:00 A. M. Youth on Parade, including a diaper derby.

12:00-1:00 P. M. Age on Parade.

1:00-2:00 P. M. Luncheon for all guests over 75 years of age.

2:00-4:00 P. M. Health Panel, including Dr. F. S. Crockett, vice president of the American Medical Association and chairman of the Association's council on rural health.

4:00-5:00 P. M. May Court, and crowning of the Queen.

7:00 P. M. Banquet for all doctors and medical personnel in Cleveland, Rutherford, and adjoining counties.

Guests of honor include, in addition to Dr. Crockett, Miss North Carolina, Miss Cleveland County, and Miss Rutherford County. The visiting beauties will be special attendants in the May Court.

Summer School

The summer session will begin on June 6 this year and end on August 9, according to a recent announcement by Dean J. O. Terrell, director of the summer school.

Dean Terrell expects an enrollment of around 100 to 125 students, most of whom will register for eight or nine semester hours of study. Over 20 courses of instruction will be offered during the nine-weeks period.

The college cafeteria and dormitories will be open, with counselors on duty for boys and girls. A number of students from other colleges are expected for the session, along with those who are seasonal students at Gardner-Webb.

Broyhill Family Makes \$5,000 Gift To School

The Golden Anniversary expansion program received a gift of \$5,000 shortly after Christmas from J. E. Broyhill and the Broyhill family of Lenoir. The donation will be applied to erection of the physical education building and swimming pool now under construction.

The Broyhill family have been interested in Gardner-Webb for several years and have given substantially to the college program on other occasions. Paul Broyhill retired from the board of trustees on January 1 after a four-year tenure.

Night School

The night school began its second semester for college credit on Monday, January 1, with an enrollment of 30-odd students.

Courses of study include English, history, and Bible, with others offered subject to sufficient request.

The regular college-level night school began last fall for the first time, offering accredited instruction by members of the college faculty. The response was encouraging, and the college plans to ex-

pand its offering to meet requests of the public.

Several Gifts In Use

Gardner-Webb has in recent weeks received several gifts which are now in use in the dormitories and cafeteria, making life more enjoyable for the students and faculty.

A beautiful and expensive silver tea service was given to the college in December by an anonymous donor, who expressed a desire that it be made available to any college group that might have need of it.

At their meeting on January 8 the faculty subscribed \$250 with which to buy linen and silverware for the cafeteria.

The new dormitory for girls boasts a new television set, bought in part by the girls and by several friends and alumni of the college.

Former Professor Now In Washington

Mr. and Mrs. Santford W. Martin, Jr., who endeared themselves to many former students while he was publicity director and professor of English in 1948-1951, are now living in Arlington, Va. He recently became director of publicity for the American Potash Institute in Washington, D. C.

Basketball News

The Bulldogs are experiencing an unusual season on the basketball court this year. At press time they had a perfect conference record, but were having rough sledding in non-conference games.

The basketball squad has been hard hit by graduation, transfers, drop-outs, and military. Still Coach Norman Harris has come home with two solid victories over arch rival Mars Hill, and hopes to make a good showing in the Western Carolinas Junior College Conference for the remainder of the season.

The conference tournament is set for February 21-23 in Spruce Pine. All conference teams will participate.

Executives Club Meets At College

For the past decade Gardner-Webb's cafeteria has been a favorite banqueting place for clubs and civic groups from a number of nearby towns.

On January 25 the Cleveland-Rutherford Executives Club met in the dining hall for a sumptuous dinner. The after-dinner speaker was Inspector Walter Henry Thompson of London, England.

He entertained the group by relating experiences of his 30 years service for Scotland Yard, including 18 years as personal bodyguard for Sir Winston Churchill.

Griffin Donates Rare Book To Library

The college library recently received a rare book as a gift from Clarence Griffin of Forest City.

The book, "A History of the Life of Amos Owens, The Noted Blockader of Cherry Mountain, N. C.," is an account of a colorful "moonshiner" of the last century in North Carolina.

Mr. Griffin, newspaperman and noted historian, gave 105 other volumes along with the rare text. He has given the college hundreds of books on other occasions from his private library.

Gardner-Webb Teachers Honored

Two Gardner-Webb teachers are newly-elected officers for the English Teachers Association of North Carolina's Baptist colleges.

Prof. Francis B. Dedmond, head of the English department and author of **Lengthened Shadows**, is the new president, and Miss Kathryn Copeland is the group's new secretary.

The group met January 11 and 12 at Wake Forest College.

Circle K Organized

A Circle K Club, sponsored by Kiwanis International, was organized at Gardner-Webb in January.

Circle K is a character-building and leadership organization among college students. Parent club for the local group is the Forest City Kiwanis Club. Douglas Hamrick is Circle K president, and John Roberts is faculty advisor.

Life With The Alumni (Cont'd.)

CLASS OF 1917

Dr. Vance Havner lives in Greensboro. He has been a minister since 1914.

Rebecca Ritch—see Hamrick '14.

CLASS OF 1915

Garra Bridges Ledbetter (Mrs. Cyrus) is a housewife on Route 3, Shelby, near Boiling Springs. She and Cyrus have five children.

CLASS OF 1914

Beulah Holland Bostic (Mrs. C. L.) is a housewife of Route 1, Mooresboro. Her husband is engaged in farming.

Ladd W. Hamrick is in the wholesale fuel business in Boiling Springs. His son, Harvey, is associated with him in the business. Mrs. Hamrick is the former *Rebecca Ritch* '17.

CLASS OF 1913

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamrick (*Aquilla Lovelace*) during the Christmas holidays were their daughters Mrs. Stephen Norfleet Johnson (Doris Jane Hamrick '47) of Littleton, and Mrs. Edgar A. Lawhon (Sarah Lee Hamrick '25) of Waco, Texas, and grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1911

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bankhead (*Alma Washburn*) live on Route 4, Shelby.

J. P. Carlton of Spartanburg, S. C., is a factory representative of Kut Kwik Corporation of Brunswick, Ga. He has also invented several patented farm tools.

J. R. Dover, Jr. along with other members of his family, owns and operates a number of textile industries in Shelby and Cleveland County.